

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) A medical syringe comprising:

a syringe unit including a lure for insertion into a connection target, and a syringe body;

and

a connection supporting member for increasing a holding force of the lure when the syringe unit is connected to the connection target, the connection supporting member having a base with a hole therein for allowing the lure to pass therethrough, the base having a plurality of slits extending radially outward from the hole, wherein

the connection supporting member is slidably provided on the lure or the syringe body so as to be movable between a first position near a tip of the lure and whereat the connection supporting member is secured to the lure, and a second position away from the tip of the lure and whereat the connection supporting member is secured to the lure, and

the lure and the connection supporting member are configured and arranged such that, when the connection supporting member is located at the second position, the tip of the lure is exposed.

7. (Original) The medical syringe of Claim 6, further comprising:

a contact part that is provided on the lure or on the syringe body, and contacts the connection supporting member when the connection supporting member is moved to the first position, to prevent movement of the connection supporting member from the first position towards the tip of the lure.

8. (Previously Presented) The medical syringe of Claim 7, wherein

the syringe unit and the connection supporting member are configured and arranged such that the sliding of the connection supporting member is realized by inserting the lure or syringe body into a through hole provided in the connection member,

the contact part is a large diameter part provided on an external periphery of the lure or the syringe body, and

spiral grooves are provided in a peripheral surface of the contact part.

9. (Previously Presented) The medical syringe of Claim 6, wherein

when in the second position, the connection supporting member is secured to the lure or the syringe body by a holding force that is at least sufficient to prevent the weight of the connection supporting member from causing the connection supporting member to drop.

10. (Previously Presented) A medical syringe comprising:

a syringe unit including a lure for insertion into a connection target, and a syringe body;

and

a connection supporting member for increasing a holding force of the lure when the syringe unit is connected to the connection target, wherein

one of the lure and the connection supporting member includes a small diameter portion sandwiched between large diameter portions,

the other of the lure and the connection supporting member includes a first member that has a first opening in a main surface thereof, and a second member that has a second opening in a main surface thereof, and

the first member and the second member oppose each other such that the main surfaces of the first member and the second member are near or contacting one another, and at least one of the first member and the second member is displaceable relative to the other of the first member and the second member such that a hole formed by the first opening overlapping with the second opening changes between a first size that allows at least one of the large diameter portion portions to pass therethrough and a second size that prevents passage of the one of the large diameter portions.

11. (Previously Presented) The medical syringe of Claim 10, wherein

the first member and the second member are included in the connection supporting member,

the large diameter portions and the small diameter portion are included in the lure,

the second member is a cylindrical member with a base, and includes a locking mechanism for engaging the connection target,

the second opening is in the base of the second member, and  
the first member has an elastic body for applying a force for pushing the first member  
into a position relative to the second member such that the hole is the second size.

12. (Previously Presented) The medical syringe of Claim 10, wherein  
the first member and the second member are included in the connection supporting  
member,  
the large diameter portions and the small diameter portion are included in the lure,  
the connection supporting member further includes a third member comprising a locking  
mechanism for engaging the connection target, and  
the first member and the second member are slidably provided in the third member, and  
have respective elastic bodies for applying forces for pushing the first member and the second  
member relative to each other such that the hole is the second size.

Claims 13-19 (Cancelled).

20. (Previously Presented) The medical syringe of Claim 6, further comprising:  
a circumferential stopper on an external surface of the lure, the circumferential stopper  
being tapered such that a diameter of the circumferential stopper closest to the tip is smaller than  
a diameter of the circumferential stopper closest to the syringe body.

Claim 21 (Cancelled).